1	2	3	4
13.	Maharashtra	27.00	46.40
14.	Manipur	21.445	9.15
15.	Meghalaya	21.52	17.106
16.	Mizoram	118.05	226.83
17.	Nagaland	23.25	28.45
18.	Orissa	56.16	42.60
19.	Punjab	—	12.272
20.	Rajasthan	—	80.20
21.	Sikkim	29 60	26.225
22.	Tamil Nadu	6.30	6.38
23.	Tripura	20.00	44.346
24.	Uttaranchal	—	82.00
25.	Uttar Pradesh	113.74	118.99
26.	West Bengal	153.00	121.953
	TOTAL:	1311.152	1966.07

*During Xth Plan Eco-Development is merged with Project Tiger Scheme.

Plastic waste

1877. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India generates around 7250 tonnes of plastic waste including pet bottles, snack/gutka pouches, etc. every day;

(b) whether 60 per cent of this plastic waste is recycled into inferior products which are hazardous to health;

(c) whether the rest 40 per cent is tossed around to choke sewers and environment; and

(d) whether Government would enact an uniform law for use of bio-degradable plastics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) As per the Manual on Solid Waste Management brought out by the Ministry of Urban Development in the year 2000, plastic waste generated in the country is around 5000 tonnes per day.

(b) As per the information provided by the Indian Centre for Plastics in the Environment, about 60% of the India's plastic production is recycled annually. Standards have been laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards for recycled plastic products.

(c) Plastics in general are chemically inert substances. They are *'perse'* not harmful to the environment, except the indiscriminate littering of the plastic material alongwith other garbage and the absence of its organized segregation.

(d) Bio-degradable plastics is still in its nascent state. Its development and usage in the developed countries also is limited. A uniform law for the use of bio-degradable plastics is not under consideration of the Government at present.

Water treatment plants for lakes and ponds of Rajasthan

t1878. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to install water treatment plants for making some lakes and ponds of Rajasthan pollution free and also for the conservation of pure water;

(b) if so, the names of the lakes and ponds selected for installing water treatment plants; and

(c) by when the work of installing water treatment plants would be completed alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) Ecological restoration of Mansagar Lake of Jaipur, Rajasthan is under way since Decemrtjer, 2002, which includes setting up of a sewage treatment plant for the treafrnent of sewage. The project has been approved at a cost of Rs.24.72 crore

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.